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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Richard A. Hellman, consultant to the Israel Environment Protection Service, will discuss (in English) "Environmental Hazards in Israel: Can We Cope with them?" at 8.00 p.m. this evening at the United Synagogue Centre, 2 Rehov Agron, Jerusalem.

Dr. Willy Guggenheim will speak on: "The image of the Israeli in Switzerland" at a meeting of the Jerusalem West Rotary Club at 7 p.m. tonight at the King David Hotel.

Birth

GOLOMB. — To Nechama and Chaim on August 7, 1977 at Hadassah Hospital, Mt. Scopus, a daughter, granddaughter to Ruth and Leo Cohn and Pearl and Raphael Golomb.

DEPARTURES

Marian Lewin-Epstein, chairman of the Hadassah Council in Israel, to participate in the Hadassah National Convention in New York.

Father Jean Roger, S.A. of Notre Dame de France, to Australia on a one-month lecture tour to promote Christian pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

100 Bond leaders here for parley

Jerusalem Post Reporter

One hundred Jewish community and business leaders from the U.S. and Canada are in Jerusalem for the 1977 Israel Bond Leadership Conference, to study Israel's financial needs and express their solidarity.

At Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday, Israel Bond general-chairman Sam Rothberg stated that "no change in the complexion of the government could alter the fact that Israel's beleaguered economy will remain an issue of dominant importance."

The Bond leaders will attend a reception by President Ephraim Katzir this morning, followed by an address at the Knesset by Prime Minister Menachem Begin. They will also meet with Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and Energy and Infrastructure Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

Haifa troupe wins folklore festival

HAIFA. — The mixed Jewish-Arab troupe of Haifa's Beit Hagafen won first prize this week in an international folklore festival in Spain.

The troupe appeared with its songs and dances despite objections from Iraq, who quit the festival in protest. The competition was broadcast by radio and TV networks throughout Europe.

Burg: We do have organized crime

Favours 'independent' inquiry

Jerusalem Post Staff

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, taking a different stand from police inspector-general Haim Tavori, said on TV last night that he believes there is organized crime in Israel.

But he stressed that the difference between him and Rav Nitzav Haim Tavori is one of semantics. (Tavori, who in the past denied that organized crime existed, has recently spoken of "organization by individuals to commit crime.")

Nevertheless, Burg noted that the police must tackle the problem of organized crime with more daring. He said he is awaiting a police plan on the subject, which is to be submitted to him in two weeks.

He also said he favours an independent inquiry into organized crime, to be headed by an independent non-political figure — thus implying rejection of the proposal to set up a parliamentary committee.

At the same time, police sources said that national police headquarters was unusually active yesterday as top officials met to discuss the report they are to draw up on organized crime. Tavori had promised the report at a meeting with Dr. Burg on Friday.

In another development, former police intelligence chief Shmuel Nahmias last night told *The Jerusalem Post* that MK Samuel Flatto Sharon could not be a leader of the Israeli underworld.

(The idea of Flatto-Sharon as being under consideration for the post was raised in a weekend article on the underworld by "Ha'aretz" crime reporter Avi Valentim. Flatto has threatened to sue for libel unless he receives an apology.)

"I know that the leaders (of the underworld) are much more quiet than Flatto-Sharon," Nahmias said. The former army intelligence officer, who left the police when his demands to set up a special force to fight organized crime were not met, added that none of the names now being bandied about (by MK Ehud Olmert and the press) are those of real underworld leaders.

Threatened journalists

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of what has resulted in a slanging match between the two.)

Olmert said it had been Ze'evi's practice to attend the negotiations for land sales between West Bank Arabs and friends of his. He said Ze'evi also was present at parties given for the mukhtars who had to approve such sales.

Olmert specified one instance at which negotiations were being conducted in a Tel Aviv restaurant between friends of Ze'evi, an Arab from the West Bank and an "important personage." The "important personage" was shocked to see Ze'evi appear, Olmert reported.

Olmert admitted that there had been no threats in the taped 1976 conversation between himself and Ze'evi, and that the conversation had been in a low tone. Ze'evi, with his tape recorder, is an expert at these things, Olmert said.

But he added that in an unrecorded telephone conversation prior to the meeting, Ze'evi had said that if Olmert did not agree to the confrontation, he would "give the boys the word to act."

Olmert also ridiculed threats by Ze'evi and especially Bezalel Mizrahi to sue him for slander if only they could do so in spite of Olmert's parliamentary immunity. He noted that Mizrahi had been called an underworld figure on numerous occasions and had never gone to court over the issue.

Mizrahi cannot sue for defamation of his good name, Olmert said, because he has no good name to protect. He also noted an apparent contradiction between Ze'evi's praise of Mizrahi as an outstanding

Nahmias explained that his investigations had made it clear that the top men in the criminal world keep a very low profile — leading quiet lives and not making themselves conspicuous. "They are people you would never identify as criminals," he said. Nahmias said he knew the identity of some, but not all of these people.

As for another press report — one implying that the underworld has its man in the police hierarchy — Nahmias rejected the idea. "They don't have a man in the police hierarchy because they don't need one." Why should they bother when the police don't constitute a real threat to them? he asked.

Nahmias explained that his proposed special crime-fighting unit would deal with the very small percentage of criminals with whom the police are presently unprepared to deal. The present unwillingness of extortion victims to come forward was a symptom of police inadequacy, he said.

He explained that the term "underworld" described an actual phenomenon, an underground society with its own laws, police, courts and executioners. It was the last item which interested him chiefly, he said.

Drugs were the area in which underworld activity was most evident, he continued. Most of the underworld killings which have been solved had proved to involve that area.

As for his future plans, Nahmias noted that he is waiting to speak to the Prime Minister. Mr. Begin's reaction to his suggested special crime-unit would be decisive as to whether he would seek a job on the private market.

Nahmias also explained his warning to Aluf (res.) Rehavam Ze'evi that his (Ze'evi's) associates would get him into trouble. In an interview with Ze'evi, he had warned that the general's position demanded that he act in a certain way. He added that this was not a matter of class prejudice, but rather of the restrictions which a leader imposes upon himself in order to ensure his credibility.

Ze'evi: "I'll ask the question negatively. Isn't it Mentesh? (Mordechai Tsarfati)." Olmert: "I don't know. I don't think it's Mentesh. I don't know Mentesh. I never met him." Ze'evi: "I'm ready to introduce you. You'll be pleasantly disappointed, not disappointed about the information. They built an idol out of him and when you meet the man, he's an old man, not much as far as his ability to do things. Really goodhearted, a walking Ministry of Welfare."

Olmert: "Could be." Ze'evi: "Someone from another world."

Olmert: "What I'm prepared to say in complete sincerity is that if I ever think I have information — though I'm telling you I don't deal with this — anyway, if I ever have information I am willing to allow your unjustified fears...Even though I'm not in the least bit obligated. Time limits and agreements won't persuade me, only good will. If I find out any information which I think can do you harm and I will want to make public use of it, I will be ready to let you know."

Jerusalemite, aged 104, survives hit-and-run

Jerusalem Post Staff

Moshe Matatyahu, a 104-year-old Jerusalem resident, suffered light injuries Saturday night when struck by a hit-and-run driver near the entrance to Jaffa Gate. Matatyahu, a native of Kurdistan, lives with relatives at 15 Rehov Zippori, in Nahalat Ahim. He was taken to Hadassah Hospital for treatment.

In another accident, Sarah Menuhah, 78, was also struck by a hit-and-run driver in the capital this past weekend, as she tried to cross Rehov Ben-Yehuda. She was Avraham Giladi, 65, who tried to cross Rehov Shmuel Yisrael at midnight. Mrs. Menuhah was critically injured.

The police are looking for the cars involved in the accidents and are questioning eye-witnesses. (Him)

Primor to head UN agencies division

Avraham Primor, the former spokesman of the Foreign Ministry, has been appointed director of the ministry division responsible for UN agencies and international organizations.

Primor joined the foreign service in 1960, first serving in the Ivory Coast and in Dahomey. In 1968 he was posted to Paris as the press affairs adviser of the Israel embassy.

Shahal says extortion victims lack faith in police protection

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Victims of extortionists at the wholesale market here are not going to the police to seek protection but are turning instead to public figures, Knesset Member Moshe Shahal told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The Labour politician said that members of the underworld have jeeringly told him that gangsters are now running the country and not the Knesset or the police. Shahal told *The Post* that because the police have failed to act on complaints, those threatened no longer have any faith in police ability to protect them.

A year ago Shahal charged the police and the Ministry of Agriculture with failing to uncover the extortion and corruption rife in the Tel Aviv vegetable market. He claimed yesterday that nothing had been done during the past year and the situation has deteriorated in the meantime.

As an example, Shahal told of one man mentioned in last year's police summary report on the wholesale vegetable and fruit market at Rehov Carlebach in Tel Aviv.

In that report this man was described as connected with extortion in the market. "When I questioned police about this man, I was told that he had emigrated from the country. This 'yored' did not leave the country — he simply moved his activities from the wholesale market to the watermelon market in the outskirts of Tel Aviv," Shahal said.

This man, according to informed sources, controls the marketing of watermelons in the greater Tel Aviv area. He finances the watermelon stalls, for which he receives 40 per cent of the profits. According to some estimates, a watermelon stall in a good area can bring in between IL80,000 to IL150,000 per season. Shahal recently told a Knesset

Radio, TV lack funds for Anniversary series

Jerusalem Post Staff

A shortage of funds will prevent Israel radio and TV from broadcasting a special series of programmes to mark next year's 30th anniversary of the founding of the State.

This was made clear yesterday at the Broadcasting Authority's board of directors meeting, where director-general Yitzhak Livni said that preparation of a series of special programmes would require funds which the Authority does not today have. Under the Authority's regular budget, he said, it will be possible to produce only individual programmes, not a series.

Board member Ariel Weinstein (of the Likud's Liberals) called on the government to allocate special funds for the project, in view of the importance of the occasion. He was supported by Ehud Tavin (of the Likud's Herut wing) and Yitzhak Meir (of the National Religious Party), who called on the director-general to prepare a plan for such broadcasts which it could then use to approach the government for funds.

Livni noted that all efforts to raise funds for the production of two major features — one on the history of Zionism and the other on the Arab-Israeli conflict — had so far failed. These were to have been the main TV features for the anniversary. He told the board that a special committee had been set up to deal with programmes for the anniversary.

Begin postpones filling of vacant Cabinet posts

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Begin has decided to postpone "for a few weeks" the appointment of ministers to fill the vacant Justice, Social Betterment and Transport and Communications portfolios. He told the Cabinet yesterday that his decision was intended "to give the Democratic Movement for Change the opportunity to reconsider its decision not to join the coalition."

The DMC voted by a large majority last week to stay out of the government "under present conditions." Its weeks of negotiations with Begin and other ministers deadlocked over the DMC's demand for electoral reform, which Likud's religious coalition partners oppose.

But Begin assured the Cabinet that he would not let the three posts remain vacant beyond the reconvening

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DMC accepts Zorea note of apology

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — MK Meir Zorea of the Democratic Movement for Change yesterday apologized for attacking two of his colleagues at a press conference last week, and asked the movement's control committee to rule on his conduct.

DMC members who met in Jerusalem and Haifa last night welcomed Zorea's appeal to the control committee. Leaders who had collected signatures demanding a council meeting to discuss the affair, later held consultations over the telephone and one of them told *The Jerusalem Post* they will probably cancel their demand "in view of his apology."

The movement's leader, MK Yigael Yadin, said the appeal to the control committee may render the matter *sub judice*.

Zorea's letter, delivered to Yadin in Jerusalem, expressed his regret over "the manner, the form and the circumstances" of his attack on MKs Amnon Rubinstein and Meir Amit last Thursday.

But he stood firm on the substance of his criticism. "I hope the movement and its appropriate forums will also discuss in the near future the merits of my claims," he wrote.

Zorea had accused his two fellow MKs of joining coalition negotiations with the express aim of disrupting them and of subverting Yadin's position as the movement's leader.

But rather than decide himself whether to remain in the movement's top forum, the secretariat, as the party had requested he do, Zorea appealed to the control committee "to discuss the matter and draw its conclusions."

Zorea yesterday received some grails roots support. "He's no little child, and if he makes accusations there must be some truth to them," Gershon Argov told a party meeting here. "The public wants to know what is really happening. Why did he accuse those two and no others?" he asked.

Yadin replied later the party will in fact discuss the substance of Zorea's criticism.

Youth, 15, drowns off Acre beach

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — A 15-year-old boy, Ibrahim Husayn, Bokal, from Kafr Kabul, drowned here yesterday near the Zor Cafe.

Although he apparently came to the local Kipat Holim clinic, he somehow found his way to the shore and went swimming at about 9.30 a.m. Coastal police boats and lifeguards searched in vain for his body, which was washed ashore at 1 p.m. Because of rough waves, bathing was forbidden here yesterday.

Cyclist killed by car

RAMAT GAN (Him). — An 11-year-old cyclist, Sigalit Danino, was killed in Rehov Uziel here on Saturday when she was run down by a car driven by a policeman holding the rank of paked.

Police are investigating.

Man asphyxiated

BNEI BRAK (Him). — A 29-year-old Volcan Institute research worker from Petah Tikva, was asphyxiated while inspecting a grain silo near this city's railroad station.

Shwartz, who was conducting studies on the wheat stored in the silo, apparently inhaled deadly gases given off by the wheat grains and collapsed.

Julian Meltzer laid to rest

Julian Meltzer, the veteran Israeli journalist and editor who died Saturday after a short illness, was buried yesterday afternoon in Jerusalem's Mount of Olives Cemetery.

President Ephraim Katzir and Mayor Teddy Kollek were among the many public figures attending the funeral.

Meltzer was eulogized by Professor Michael Sela, president of the Weizmann Institute; Dr. Israel Elshin, director of the Assaf Harofeh Hospital; and Professor Aharon Shulov, director of the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo.

A member of the board of the Friends of Assaf Harofeh Hospital declared that Meltzer's last and most ambitious project — the building of the Nurit Katzir School of Nursing at Assaf Harofeh — will be faithfully carried out in his memory. Kaddish was recited by Harry Stern, Julian Meltzer's son-in-law. A.Z.

The President and members of The Jerusalem Rotary Club mourn the sudden and untimely loss of their Veteran Member

JULIAN MELTZER, S.A.M.

and share in the grief of the family.

The Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland and its Israel Office grieve with the family of

JULIAN MELTZER

who devoted his life to the service of his people.

With great sorrow, we announce the passing of

Dr. SILVIO (Shlomo) COLBI

The funeral has already taken place.

The Family

On the thirtieth day after the death of

OSKAR GÜNSER

a memorial service and the unveiling of the tombstone will take place on Wednesday, August 10, 1977, at the Holon Cemetery.

Friends will meet at the new gate at 4.45 p.m.

We thank all who expressed condolences in writing and in person.

THE FAMILY

Massada Press mourns the loss of

JULIAN MELTZER

writer, translator and editor.

Alexander Peli
Geoffrey Wigoder

Jerusalem Journalists' Association and the Management of Beit Agron, Jerusalem mourn the passing of the journalist and author

JULIAN L. MELTZER

and convey their condolences to the esteemed family.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Ruhama, Sigla, Harvey and Ariel on the passing of

JULIAN

His true and warm friendship will never be forgotten.

Kathleen, Louis and David Chiselsk

Assaf Harofeh Hospital and its Circle of Friends in Israel and abroad deeply mourn the passing of

JULIAN L. MELTZER

President of the Friends of Assaf Harofeh

We have lost a devoted friend and an ardent promoter of the Hospital's interests.

We express our heartfelt condolences to Ruhama, Sigla and the family.

Plan for settling Galilee No. 1 on priority list

By MORDECHAI ERAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

MEONA. — The Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency will keep its programme for settling Galilee at the top of its priority list and will make certain the budget for this is not curtailed despite budgetary problems.

The department's new director-general, Shimon Ravid, said this yesterday during a tour of the region's settlements with Zionist Executive chairman Yosef Almog. He said the budgets for other activities will be cut instead.

Ravid pointed out, however, that the bulk of this settlement will have to depend on industry, with only a

small portion based on "intensification of existing agriculture."

The settlement programme calls for increasing the population of the 10 kibbutzim in the area from 8,000 to 4,000 within five years, reaching 7,000 by 1980. The programme also calls for increasing the number of family units in the existing moshavim from today's 2,300 to 3,850. There also will be 10 new moshavim, 10 to 12 new kibbutzim and two new regional centres, in addition to the centres already existing in Goren, Merom Hagallil and at the foot of the Hermon.

Rahamim Yakuti, secretary of the "mountain moshavim," complained about the department's neglect of existing moshavim of its failure to

provide land already promised and raised severe objections to returning Kirit and Bir'im to their original residents. He quoted from a resolution adopted by moshavim of the Kirit and Bir'im area, which was sent yesterday to Minister of Agriculture Ariel Sharon and Prime Minister Menachem Begin, warning that area settlers will suffer from such a move and may well abandon their settlements.

He also cited problems encountered with the Israel Land Administration, to which Almog promised "that the Jewish Agency will take up the entire relationship with the Land Administration in consultation with the Agriculture Minister."

Mesheh tells central committee:

Unions defying Histadrut justify arbitration law

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Trade unions which break Histadrut discipline are responsible for the government's decision to push for a compulsory arbitration law, Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Mesheh told the central committee yesterday.

The committee was discussing the proposed law after a group of workers committee chairmen and trade union secretaries decided last Thursday night to demand that the Histadrut Central Committee and Executive fight against the law.

Mesheh said the Histadrut would oppose the bill. But he cautioned that unions which call wildcat strikes

should remember that their actions provide the government with an excuse to make arbitration compulsory in essential services. Mesheh urged all unions to accept Histadrut discipline so that the law can be proven unnecessary.

The central committee also decided to send a memorandum to Housing Minister Gideon Patt stating the Histadrut's objections to proposed changes in the tenants' protection law. It was admitted that there are some cases in which the landlord depends completely on rent for his income and the tenant has a relatively high income. Special provisions should be made in such cases, the committee decided.

Tax check catches shops with their inventory showing

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A large scale nationwide check-up by income tax inspectors during the last few days has disclosed that many businesses — especially clothing and shoe shops — are holding stocks some two to three times larger than what they have declared.

Several hundred inspectors are now taking inventories of businesses which, though obliged to keep books, have failed to do so. The Income Tax Administration intends to check up on 4,000 enterprises — in the clothing, footwear, furniture, building materials, perfume, toy and pharmacy businesses — and has so far gone over 1,000 of them.

The inspectors also check whether there are employees whose salaries have not been declared.

The Income Tax Administration is also sifting its records to eliminate non-active files, such as those of self-employed persons who have meanwhile become wage-earners, or of businessmen who have gone out of business. The authorities have found that many of those who did not file income tax returns for fiscal 1976 belong to this category.

A total of 60,000 files, both of self-employed and of companies, will be reviewed. Businesses which have been inactive for two years will be taken off the rolls.

Singer held on drug charge

TEL AVIV (Him). — The singer David Hovav was remanded for eight days in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday on suspicion of taking and trading in drugs.

Police told the court that Hovav had called on a friend, Yitzhak Bergman, last Thursday to ask for a quantity of hashish. When he returned to Bergman's house the following morning, to pick up the drugs, police — acting on a tip-off — arrested both of them. The singer was allegedly found to be in possession of 51.5 grammes of hashish, worth about IL1,100 — considered to be a commercial quantity.

Bergman also appeared in court yesterday, and was ordered remanded for 15 days. His lawyer claimed that he had not wanted to give

Hovav the drug, and had only agreed to do so under duress. Hovav's lawyer told the court that she and her daughter had a few days previously been injured in a motor accident, and was as a result in a state of deep depression. But he denied that she traded in drugs.

On hearing that she was to be remanded, the singer broke down, screaming: "You are murdering me! You aren't human beings. My daughter has been hurt in an accident and you are acting in this callous manner."

Judge Yehoshua Diamant warned Hovav that if she continued her outburst she would be held in contempt of court. He turned down her lawyer's request that her name be withheld from publication.



Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon last week visited an experimental plot at Kibbutz Ma'anit where cotton is being transplanted rather than seeded. With Sharon (left) is a cotton expert from the ministry. (Greenberg)

El Al overdoes VIP hospitality, pilot charges

Jerusalem Post Reporter

El Al lets the country's policy makers and members of the news media fly first class without paying the proper fare. El Al pilot Gideon Arbel has charged in a letter sent to various cabinet ministers and Knesset members.

"The public should also know," writes Captain Arbel, "that there is an unwritten agreement which allows the country's leaders and government officials to bypass customs because the cars of 'important people' pick them up at the airport; thus even the officials who draw up the customs regulations, and are responsible for their implementation, don't have to abide by them."

In his letter, Captain Arbel also noted that valuable gifts from the duty free shop, such as expensive cigarettes, lighters, and liquor were regularly distributed "in a kingly fashion" on the flights of former prime ministers. He said that when he flew Prime Minister Menachem Begin to the U.S. last month, El Al distributed 10 gift packages, each containing two bottles of liquor and one carton of

cigarettes. "Prime Minister Begin and his party, as symbols of the new regime, refused the gift with disgust, but the members of the outgoing regime who accompanied Begin on the trip accepted them without any hesitation," Arbel said.

An El Al spokesman yesterday confirmed that the company usually gives out gifts on VIP flights but stated that the packages offered the Prime Minister "were worth only about half the price of gifts usually given to passengers in first class."

He said that the bottle of whiskey, bottle of cognac, and carton of cigarettes were worth only about seven or eight dollars.

The El Al spokesman also said that Arbel's letter was detrimental to the airline at "a time when El Al is doing everything to improve its image." He added that all airlines hand out gifts in their first class sections — and much more valuable gifts.

Captain Arbel closed his letter by saying it "would not harm the country if the country's leaders paid for their fares on El Al, and if they had to pass through customs and declare their purchases."

Army shows mineproof boots

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Boots cased with foam-rubber pads, that enable soldiers to step on mines without setting them off, were among the devices shown to military reporters yesterday on the eve of Engineering Corps day.

The boots were shown off by the corps' Tat-Aluf David Laskov, the oldest (at 74) soldier in the army and a prolific inventor of military devices. Tat-Aluf Laskov told reporters that the boot also protects soldiers against mines detonated by trip-wires.

The corps also has a bigger version of these "sappers' shoes." Called "sappers' mattresses," these can be placed one next to the other to form a bridge for infantrymen.

The Chief Engineering Officer, Tat-Aluf Arye Golan, told reporters that his corps has been emphasizing the development of means, and the

training of men, to break through deep enemy defence networks.

Tat-Aluf Golan said that ordinary infantrymen cannot break through now as they could in the past, and soldiers must now be specially trained and equipped. Accordingly, the corps has been enlarged.

They must also do so quickly. The time element has been stressed, Golan said, partly because Israel may not be allowed, politically, to wage a prolonged war, and partly because the enemy may surprise her as in 1973.

Other devices developed afford soldiers better protection against enemy fire. These include a mobile fortress which looks like an upside-down cart and another which looks like a huge barrel. Eight soldiers can squeeze into the barrel and be safe even against direct hits by artillery shells, Golan said.

MOSCOW'S DILEMMA

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the highlands less than 240 kms. from the capital Addis Ababa.

If Mengistu falls, a new Ethiopian government, whether military or civilian, is very likely to swing back toward the West and out the Soviets. This is presumably why Moscow has decided that saving Mengistu is a "must," even at the sizeable risk of alienating Somalia.

But Somali President Mohamed Siad Barre has shown no interest yet in making a public issue of Somali differences with the Soviet Union or of pushing them to breaking point.

"Siad is still very uncertain of the West," said one such diplomat. "He does not trust you. Unless he is sure of getting arms from the West he cannot afford to break with the Soviets."

The U.S., France and Britain have now all publicly announced, or told Siad privately, that they will provide some arms, if only "defensive" ones, to Somalia. But that even these three Western powers together are ready to take over the Soviet military role here seems very unlikely.

Already, both Britain and the U.S. are coming under pressure from pro-Western Kenya not to provide arms to Somalia, which has claims to Kenya as well as Ethiopian territory. France, for its part, is committed to maintaining the independence of the Republic of Djibouti, which Somalia holds to be rightfully part of the "Greater Somalia" of all Somali-speaking peoples in the region.

Thus, all three Western powers confront an embarrassing conflict of interests in their regional African policies in attempting to help Somalia lessen its dependence on the Soviet Union.

But the West's conflict of interest is nothing compared to that of the Soviet Union in this war-ridden region. Moscow will now undoubtedly press for, and may even seek to impose, a compromise solution it feels both Ethiopia and Somalia should be able to live with in an effort to straddle their territorial dispute and salvage its interests in both countries.

Marine Officers threaten strike

after 'cooling off'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Marine Officers Union yesterday informed the Histadrut that they would start a strike if the shipping companies did not meet their demand for advances on the new labour contract. The union said they would start the strike when the mandatory "cooling off" period is completed in 12 days.

Negotiations for the new contracts, for both the officers and seamen, were suspended last week, pending a Treasury decision on income tax rates for the seamen, who have not yet been included in the tax reform.

The officers are demanding that the companies pay its members monthly advances until the contract is signed. The Shipowners Association countered with an offer for one lump sum advance.

The association also rejected the size of the union's demand as unreasonable, resulting in the officers declaring a labour dispute.

Foreign currency laws eased

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israelis will now be permitted to keep three different types of foreign currency accounts, from which they may withdraw money for travel without paying the 15 per cent service import tax, the Treasury announced yesterday.

Withdrawals will be in addition to the regular \$700 allocation per person.

The first of these accounts is a fixed deposit account for purposes of travel. Any individual resident (not a corporation) can put one third of any foreign currency received as a gift, inheritance, or pension into this

account — as well as one third of his income from services or goods sold abroad — and then draw on it when he travels abroad.

Foreign currency left over from the regular travel allocation may also be deposited into this account, but not money from German restitutions or from the sale of goods and services which benefit from export incentives. The remaining two-thirds will have to be deposited into an ordinary Pasak account (fixed deposit in foreign currency).

Residents may withdraw up to \$1,000 a year for themselves and

members of their family for travel or for the purchase of goods.

The second type of account is for businesses, such as consulting firms, who export services. They may deposit their foreign currency receipts and may draw upon them to cover business expenses and travel expenses at the rate approved for exporters, i.e. \$50 per day up to a maximum of \$1,500 per trip.

A third account of the same kind is for institutions which receive donations from abroad. Withdrawals from these accounts will have to be licensed by the Treasury.

Bomb caught at bank

An explosive charge was discovered in front of the Bank Leumi office in Tel Aviv yesterday morning and safely dismantled by a police sapper. The parcel containing the device was spotted at 8 a.m. by bank employees, who called the police. There was no damage. (Him)

Woman sets self alight

HAIFA (Him). — A 54-year-old resident of Wadi Tira set herself on fire Saturday after an argument with her son, police report. She was taken to Rambam Hospital in serious condition. An investigation is underway.

Mission effort alarms Long Island Jews

By MALKA RABINOWITZ

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — A recent intensive missionary effort among the large Jewish college population here appears to have made little mark, and is being regarded by the wider Jewish community as an affront rather than a threat.

But it has set into sharp relief communal anxieties over failings in developing a sense of Jewish commitment among the young. Uneasiness over the weaknesses exposed by the (initially) soft-sell missionary techniques — which include the offer of needed community services — has led a coalition of Jewish agencies to set up a task force under the aegis of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York.

The move came in the wake of well-financed mission efforts focused on Long Island, a suburban area of metropolitan New York which has a Jewish population of over half a million and a Jewish college population of 20,000.

Communal togetherness is a particular problem in Long Island, where a large percentage of working residents commute to jobs in New York City and have not developed a

strong sense of community.

Jewish spokesmen concede that the mission groups have skillfully sought to penetrate the most vulnerable points of Long Island Jewish life even among the non-college-going community — establishing such facilities as day-care centres for single parents and driver services for senior citizens.

But the main target is the 20,000 Long Island Jewish students, about half of whom are enrolled at the State University at Stony Brook. It was near this campus that "Bnei Yeashua" missionaries spent about \$1m. last year in purchasing a mansion for use as their national headquarters.

The second of two large mission groups operating there is "Jews for Jesus." Criticism by communal spokesmen has focused particularly on their attempts to misrepresent their creed as a fulfillment of Judaism rather than as its repudiation.

The missionaries use Hebrew words and Jewish symbols emotively in their brochures in an attempt to lure antipathy to the idea of apostasy. This led the Long Island Council of Churches earlier this year to issue a statement of concern over alleged

misrepresentation of religious symbols by several proselytizing groups. "Jews for Jesus" countered with a defamation suit against the council which is to be heard this month.

Figures are not available on the effectiveness of the Christian conversionary efforts, but they are believed to have met with relatively little success. Evangelical groups' claims of 30,000 converts nationwide are said to be based primarily on fund-raising needs.

Concern has, however, been expressed in the Jewish community over possible wider repercussions. One of these is the potential of these efforts "for perpetuating a Christian view of Judaism as superseded or invalid." Another, conversely, is "its potential for nourishing among Jews an attitude of hostility and resentment."

More immediately, communal leaders have been stung into an awareness of the need for action to promote a stronger sense of Jewish identity.

They believe that a generation of parents who balanced secular life-styles with warm memories of Jewish tradition may now be gazing uneasily at children who have ex-

perienced little in the way of Jewish upbringing.

Nor has an effective counterweight been steadily provided by synagogues, increasingly preoccupied with admittedly vital issues of Jewish survival: support for Israel, aid to Soviet Jewry, and concern over the communities in Latin America, primarily Argentina.

The result has been insufficient attention to the spiritual needs of the young — who, ironically, are now looking for a "rebbe" to help them achieve a sense of identity and community.

Some youngsters are seeking a solution in the Jewish fold, by turning to the Lubavitch movement — which has an outreach programme — or joining religiously-oriented Hebrew communes.

But concern centres on those who fail to find a meaningful place within the community.

"We had better start paying attention to our kids first of all," says Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, head of the Inter-Religious Affairs Department at the American Jewish Committee. He adds:

"Unless the young are trained to a strong Jewish commitment, not only American Jewry but ultimately Israel itself will suffer. And I think some Israelis have begun to understand this."

Reflecting this view, he notes, one Jewish community federation after another has in the last few years budgeted increasing amounts for yeshivot and Jewish education. This development has been accelerated by recognition that opposition to federal funding of religious schools imposes a heavier obligation on the community.

The Long Island college scene has led some spokesmen to observe that youngsters approached by the missionary groups are offered "attention, love, affection and a feeling of importance" — elements that might be in short supply at home or in the community.

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Only 0.1 per cent of blacks eligible Total Rhodesian electorate: 93,000

By JANET DAMEN
SALISBURY, Rhodesia (UPI). — Rhodesians go to the polls August 31, but only some 93,000 persons in this country of 6.6 million will be allowed to cast ballots.

Prime Minister Ian Smith ordered the elections two years ahead of schedule, asking the mostly white electorate for a mandate to pursue a majority rule settlement whites could live with.

He says the elections will show Britain that white Rhodesia is not as weak and divided as it looks and does not have to accept an "unfair" settlement.

Smith's critics say he ordered the elections in an attempt to oust from office the 12 members of parliament who rebelled against his majority rule commitment and are now in the newly-formed Rhodesia Action Party, which is opposed to majority rule of any sort.

The elections coincide with Anglo-

Young: Apartheid menaces U.S.-South Africa ties

KINGSTON, Jamaica (Reuters). — The U.S. will have increasing difficulty in maintaining relations with South Africa if apartheid continues, U.S. Ambassador to the UN Andrew Young said here.

Young told a press conference on Saturday that South African Prime Minister John Vorster had been told that the U.S. was opposed to apartheid and would do nothing through their relationship with South Africa to prop up apartheid.

"As these (apartheid) policies persisted, it would be more and more difficult for the U.S. to maintain any relationship with the South African government," he said.

Young met journalists after a four-hour meeting with Prime Minister Michael Manley, which was the highlight of his two-day visit here, his first stop in a 10-nation tour of countries bordering on the Caribbean.

During their discussions, Manley explained Jamaican problems,

Volcano erupts on Japanese island

TOKYO (AP). — The Mount Usu volcano continued belching smoke and raining ash on towns and rich farmlands on Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido, meteorologists reported yesterday.

The scientists said there were three more minor eruptions after the initial blast early yesterday.

The Meteorological Agency issued an alert to the area some 900 kms. northeast of Tokyo. At least 4,200 residents had been evacuated to safer public facilities as the minor tremors rocked the rural area. There were no reports of casualties.

"Ashes are still falling, and we are still having minor tremors every five to ten minutes. Rooftops are all white, covered with the snow-like ashes," a telephone operator reported.

The first eruption of the day jolted the area at 9:12 a.m., following more than 1,500 minor tremors since early Saturday. The explosion spewed ash, pebbles and black smoke as high as 12,000 metres.

The Meteorological Agency said this was the 10th eruption of the volcano since 1811. The volcano was last active from 1943 to 1945.

JEDDAH. — Saudi Arabia and Luxembourg yesterday agreed to establish diplomatic relations. The agreement was reached in talks in Saudi Arabia's summer capital, Ta'if, between Luxembourg Prime Minister Gaston Thorn and Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal.

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If a black fails to meet the educational requirement, then he must either earn R4780 (IL2,630) a year or own immovable property worth at least R31,560 (IL25,260).

All women, other than those married under a tribal system allowing polygamy, may vote if their husbands qualify.

Official figures show that in 1976 there were 120,000 whites employed, each earning an average yearly salary of R55,583 or approximately IL30,000.

The figures showed 926,000 black wage earners — or about 37 per cent of the black adult population — earning approximately R5516.60 (IL3,370) a year.

Government officials say hundreds more blacks would be eligible to register for the vote if they registered their earnings and paid income tax.

Existing legislation provides for 50 white seats and 16 black seats in the House of Assembly, the law-making body of the land. The 16 are contested in direct election and the other half before tribal electoral colleges.

Existing legislation, which would be amended as part of a settlement, does not provide for majority rule but would give blacks as many parliament seats as whites.

Black parliamentary representation can rise, but to qualify for just two more parliament seats, blacks would have to be paying 24 per cent of the total amount of income tax paid. At present blacks pay less than 1.5 per cent of the country's income tax, even though the amount of tax paid by blacks has increased 11-fold in the past decade.

At this rate of growth and under present laws, it will be more than 100 years before blacks can obtain another two seats.

N. Ireland an armed camp for Queen's two-day visit

BELFAST (Reuters). — British security forces have arrested at least 20 republican terrorist suspects as part of a massive operation to safeguard Queen Elizabeth when she arrives here for a two-day visit on Wednesday.

But according to Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army (IRA), many senior terrorist leaders have gone underground to escape the dragnet.

The IRA, which fights for British withdrawal from the troubled province, has warned it will give the Queen a day to remember if she comes. Captured documents indicate the republicans are determined to launch a major bomb and sniping campaign during the visit.

With thousands of police and soldiers on duty in the province's biggest security operation, police and army chiefs believe the terrorists will resort to bombing commercial establishments and sniping attacks on troops, rather than a direct attack on the monarch who will be surrounded by a "ring of steel."

There was also fear the IRA might launch a spectacular bombing campaign on the British mainland to snatch the spotlight from the Queen's visit.

After a bombing blitz last Thursday, when 19 shops were destroyed or gutted, six people were hurt yesterday when a bomb exploded in the Slave Donard hotel at Newcastle, County Down. Two other devices were defused by the army.

Surrounded by a military cordon on land, sea and air, Queen Elizabeth will remain almost a captive aboard the royal yacht Britannia when she arrives here escorted by the guided missile destroyer Fife.

Naval frogmen will swim around the yacht to protect it against underwater assault, home-made mines

Muzorewa hints Nkomo responsible

SALISBURY (UPI). — Bishop Abel Muzorewa, protected from demonstrators by police firing tear-gas, yesterday said, "I would not be surprised if the bomb that killed 11 persons at a downtown Salisbury department store on Saturday was planted by its followers of his rival, Joshua Nkomo."

Muzorewa made the statement at a rally in the southwestern city of Bulawayo, an Nkomo stronghold, as police in Salisbury tried to reconstruct the bombing at a crowded branch of the British-owned Woolworth department store chain.

A phalanx of about 200 riot policemen fired tear-gas at Nkomo supporters trying to gate-crash the Muzorewa rally, the bishop's first public venture into Bulawayo. It attracted about 3,000 persons.

The military command, meanwhile, reported that Rhodesian troops killed 24 black nationalist guerrillas in the past 48 hours, raising to 3,146 the number of Rhodesian guerrillas killed in the past five years.

Guerrillas, a commune said, have killed a Rhodesian army lance-corporal in a clash, "murdered" a white building contractor at a mission, and ambushed a civilian convoy in eastern Rhodesia on Saturday, injuring one white man.

For aid to needy countries Industrial, oil-rich states set \$10b.

PARIS (UPI). — Seven industrialized and seven oil-producing nations have agreed to set up a loan fund of about \$10b. to bail out countries struggling with heavy balance of payments deficits due to costly oil imports.

The fund, known to economists as the Witteveen Facility after the International Monetary Fund's managing director, Johannes Witteveen of the Netherlands, was agreed on Saturday night at the end of a nine-hour meeting organized by the IMF and attended by finance ministers and heads of national banks of the 14 nations concerned.

Witteveen told a news conference after the meeting at Paris' International Conference Centre that the industrialized countries will put up about \$5.25b., while the oil producing nations will contribute about \$4.75b. He described the meeting as "very successful."

"The industrial nations coming up with a higher share was a wish expressed strongly by the oil exporting countries, and the industrialized countries agreed," Witteveen said. "There was no need to be dogmatic as long as it was approximately equal shares."

Saudi Arabia is to be the biggest donor, with an undertaking to provide \$2.515b. toward the fund.

The U.S. led the industrialized countries, proposing to provide \$1.69b.

Of the industrialized nations, West Germany agreed to provide \$1,225b., Japan \$1,055b., Switzerland \$790.5m., Canada \$234m., Belgium \$175m. and the Netherlands \$137m.

For the oil producing nations, other proposed contributions were: Iran \$818m., Venezuela \$58m., Qatar \$117m. and the United Arab Emirates \$117m. to \$351m.

Witteveen stressed that the contributions still had to be approved by home governments and that Kuwait and Nigeria were unable to offer fixed sums without consulting their cabinets.

In Kuala Lumpur, Japan yesterday pledged to consider favourably a request from five Southeast Asian countries for \$1b. in aid for five major industrial projects.

A joint communique after talks there said Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda also expressed readiness to help Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand increase their exports to Japan.

Measures would include further examination of demands from the five members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)

for removal or relaxation of trade barriers, which they say are hindering their sales of products other than raw materials to Japan.

Earlier Australia offered the five South-East Asian countries an extra \$90m. in aid, but turned down their requests for removal of protectionist trade barriers, informed sources said. The moves came in talks today between prime minister Malcolm Fraser and the leaders of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN). The ASEAN members — Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand — have strongly criticized Australia's protectionist barriers affecting their exports, particularly textiles.

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The hole left in the wall of Woolworth's store in Salisbury by the bomb blast on Saturday, in which 11 persons were killed and 76 others injured. (AP)

Ethiopia admits retreat, but warns war may spread

ADDIS ABABA. — Admitting that Somali forces had captured parts of its territory, Ethiopia for the second straight day yesterday warned that the war on the Horn of Africa could spread unless the insurgents quickly withdrew.

A special border mediation commission of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) adjourned its deliberations in Gabon until at least today, with Somalia demanding the inclusion of the Western Somali Liberation Front (WSLF) in any talks.

Ethiopia will totally reject that demand, diplomatic sources said.

Ethiopia yesterday reported that its forces had beaten off attacks by Somali insurgents at a town 240 km. from Addis Ababa.

The Ethiopian news agency, in a dispatch received here, said 38 Somali troops were killed as Ethiopian forces repulsed attacks on Thursday and Friday at the town of Adaba, in the mountains of Bale Province.

Somalia denies Ethiopia's contention that Somali regular armed forces, backed by aircraft and tanks, have invaded Ethiopia. Somalia maintains that the WSLF, which it openly supports, is doing all the fighting. The WSLF is not officially recognised by the OAU as a liberation movement.

After more than two months of bitter fighting in its south-east Ogaden desert region this capital, outwardly calm, was beginning to show strains of the conflict.

Gasoline rationing, already in force, was expanded and supplies to everyone except the military reduced. With the vital Addis Ababa-Djibouti rail link still closed by guerrilla action, prices of some imported goods shot up 300 per cent.

The price of TEF, the local Ethiopian wheat and the country's staple food, also increased to record prices. The government urged all workers

urgently to contribute in cash at least one month's salary to help finance the war effort.

At the weekend, following a three-day emergency meeting, the country's all-Ethiopia trade union urged the military regime to draft thousands of workers into the war to help "defend Ethiopia's unity, territorial integrity and revolution." (UPI, Reuters)

Eight jailed for French N-protest

BOURGOIN-JALLIEU, France (Reuters). — Demonstrations erupted in this French provincial town yesterday after eight defendants, mostly West Germans, were given prison sentences of between one and six months for taking part in a violent anti-nuclear protest last Sunday.

Four others were acquitted on charges of creating public disorder during the protest in which one man died and more than 100 people were injured.

There were howls of derision from about 1,000 sympathisers who gathered in the main square near the town's courthouse to hear the verdicts.

Riot police took up positions both inside and outside the court, ready to fend off any attack on the building. But police said there was no disorder as the demonstrators began marching through the Rhone valley town.

The 12 accused — seven West Germans, three French and two Swiss, aged between 19 and 30 — were arrested in the wake of the demonstration at nearby Creys-Malville, site of France's first fast-breeder nuclear reactor.

French Interior Minister Christian Bonnet had declared that the violence was caused by foreign anarchists. But the Socialist member of parliament for nearby Vienna, Louis Mermoz, described the court's verdict as "a parody of justice."

Cambodia attacks on border patrol charged by Thai

BANGKOK (AP). — About 50 Cambodian soldiers on Saturday launched an attack across the Cambodian border into southeastern Thailand, border police headquarters said here yesterday.

Three Thai soldiers were seriously wounded in the attack and helicopter gunship reinforcements have been sent to the area, police said.

The incident occurred in a district of Trat Province, 280 kms. southeast of Bangkok. Police said that the Cambodian soldiers opened fire with AK47 rifles and rockets on the government troops, patrolling near the border.

After a 20-minute exchange of gunfire, the Cambodian soldiers retreated back across the border, police said.

Thai Prime Minister Thanin Kraivichien had earlier said that Thailand might have no alternative but to strike back across the border if Cambodia persisted with its border aggression.

The Thai prime minister has claimed Cambodians have intruded into Thai territory more than 400 times. But other official military spokesmen in Bangkok say the intrusions have numbered between 30 and 40 since the beginning of this year.

Forest fires raging across western U.S.

BOISE, Idaho (AP). — Fresh crews of 1,200 firefighters were brought in on Saturday night to help exhausted teams fighting forest fires raging across six states in western America.

Firefighters in the region have battled at least 900 fires in the past two weeks, and about 75 new lightning-started fires were reported on Saturday, said Joe Nadolski, spokesman for the Federal Interagency Fire Centre here.

As of yesterday, an estimated 600 square kilometres of timber and brush were burning in the West and Northwest, the centre said. In Alaska, an additional 1.5 million acres (6 million dunams), or nearly 2,800 square miles, were burning, the centre estimated.

The centre, run by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, estimated that by last night it would have moved more than 4,000 firefighters into the region since August 1. That is in addition to state forces, as in California which has about 9,000 men fighting fires.

The lonely life at Moshav Nezer Hazani

By ZVI ARENSTEIN

NEZER HAZANI — This new religious moshav, not far from the town of Khan Yunis, has been leading a lonely existence since the first group of families moved into their new homes last February. Though it is a government-approved settlement of the Hapoel Hamizrachi movement, it still lacks essential facilities.

The moshav, which grows glasshouse tomatoes for export, has now completed its first full production season. "It was not the most successful tomato crop Israel has ever seen," moshav secretary Moshe Avinoam told this reporter recently. "Land conditions here are not similar to other glasshouse settlements and we didn't receive proper agricultural guidance about growing tomatoes in sand. Consequently we only reached about 60 per cent of the average yield per glasshouse dunam."

Another factor is that our processing centre is located near Moshav Ugdah in the Be'er Sheva area. That means trucking the fruit about 40 kilometres and many tomatoes were hurt or damaged on the way. Our export totals were way down," Avinoam said.

The settlers hope these problems are only temporary as they are to be joined by at least three other moshavim and a regional centre. All are scheduled to become part of the Southern Project of settlement.

Stuart and Anita Tucker, the only English-speaking family in the new moshav, came here with their family from Beersheva where Stuart had been employed as a biology teacher.

"I was really bored with my job and felt the need to do something physical," Stuart told me. "When we heard about this new settlement we decided to grab at the opportunity."

"The first night we spent here Stuart was on reserve duty," Anita recalled. "I was pretty scared and

crawled into bed with the kids. Gradually we began to come into contact with the local Arabs and we have found them to be extremely pleasant. We've begun shopping in their stores and have invited them to our homes. And now we've asked a local teacher to come and give us Arabic lessons."

Like Sde Nitzan, the first glasshouse moshav, Nezer Hazani is based on family work schedules and, as a matter of principle, does not hire labour from the surrounding villages. Anita told me that she pitches in and helps her husband with the hot, tiring work on the plants.

The new moshav also has a special problem because it is composed of religious families. "When the plants move from flower to fruit, they need treatment every day. We can't work on Shabbat, so the lack of automation hurts us. We want to develop automated watering and fertilizing as well as shading to keep a constant temperature," the settlers indicated.

What's going to happen to this first civilian settlement if the Gaza Strip ever becomes a part of some kind of Palestinian state?

"We came here," Stuart replies, "because we believe that we are living on a part of the Promised Land as described in the Bible. We expect to continue to live here as a Jewish settlement in the midst of Arab villages, much like the Jewish settlements in parts of Galilee."

For the present, Moshav Nezer Hazani is looking for new members. Anyone interested can write to them at "Mobile Post Box 452." A second group, called Neot Hamidbar, is at present working at Moshav Masnuta Yitzchak, Mobile Post Lachish Tzafon, and is looking for Western immigrants or Israelis who might want to join them in settling the Gaza Strip's second civilian settlement located close by.



The secretary of Moshav Nezer Hazani, Moshe Avinoam (left), chats with the community's only English-speaking settlers, Stuart and Anita Tucker. (Arenstein)

Research and recreation at Weizmann Science Camp

By LEA LEVAVI

REHOVOT. — When Jean Aitken arrived here to attend the International Science Camp at the Weizmann Institute, she expected Israel to look like the pictures she saw in her Scripture lessons.

Jean is one of 15 high school pupils from 12 countries attending the four-week science camp. All were chosen for their excellence in science. In fact, one camper, Yves Goldberg of Belgium, received a letter while at camp informing him that his grade-point average at school was the highest reported in Belgium in the last ten years.

Most of the campers are non-Jewish and some, like Jean, have exotic backgrounds. Jean was born in Nigeria to missionary parents. She was in Israel for the first two years of the civil war there. At nine, she was taken back to England to be educated. "My mother had taught me at home until I was nine because there was no English-speaking school nearby. The funny thing is that she had been taught by her mother in the same way because my grandfather was a missionary in Manchuria."

Republic did not know enough English to talk easily about himself and his country. But he did say that he finds Israel very inspiring because it is "a small country which has everything."

The science part of the programme included lab work and lectures at the Institute for about two weeks. "In school, it's all very basic stuff and not up to date," one boy said. "Here we learned about immunology and read the latest articles on cancer research. I spent a lot of spare time reading in the library. Most of it was over my head, I admit, but I did get something out of seeing the 'current events' side of science."

In the afternoons and evenings — aside from swimming, movies, folk dancing and other social activities — there were lectures of general interest to the entire camp, on everything from weather forecasting to brain research.

The camp is being directed by an immigrant couple: Don Katoff (originally of New York State) and his wife Donna Goldberg (originally of Dallas, Texas) both graduate students at the Weizmann Institute. The camp ends tomorrow.

THE ISRAEL FESTIVAL 1977

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- * Radio Stuttgart Symphony Orchestra conducted by Gary Bertini with the soloists Eva Campo, Jan Binkhof, Gunter Reich, Peter Lindroos, Klaus Kirschner, Juhani Pahtti and the Chorus of Radio Stuttgart and Radio München will perform: Bach — Cantata No. 50; Schoenberg — Jacobite; Stravinsky — Symphony of Psalms; at 8.30 p.m. at the Mann Auditorium.
- * The Royal Ballet van Vlaanderen, Belgium at 8.30 p.m. at the Haifa Auditorium.
- * "Sacred and Profane in Song and Dance" — ethnic folklore evening organized by the Project for Fostering Community Dances at 8.30 p.m. at Casares (a one-time performance).
- * Vidom Trio, Beethoven, at 5 p.m. at Tel Aviv Museum.

Tomorrow

- * Beethoven: Missa Solemnis, Radio Symphony Orchestra, Stuttgart conducted by Gary Bertini with soloists and choir at 8.30 p.m. at the Mann Auditorium. (All tickets have been sold).
- * The Royal Ballet van Vlaanderen, Belgium at 8.30 p.m. at Binyanei Ha'Ooma, Jerusalem.
- * Vidom Trio, Beethoven at 8.30 p.m. at Khan, Jerusalem.
- * Joseph Kalkbrenner, Beethoven Sonatas at 5 p.m. at Tel Aviv Museum. Tickets at agencies and for Chamber music performances at the Tel Aviv Museum Box Office.
- * Transport to Casares by Egged Tours from Tel Aviv, Haifa and Netanya.

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These women's libbers shaved their heads in a gesture which somehow was to signify "acceptance of equal managerial responsibility" with men. Perhaps presaging the findings of Dr. Ivor

Mills, which indicate that women in traditionally male roles run the risk of becoming hirsute, these demonstrators may be unconsciously opting for a traditionally male malady — baldness. (UPI)

Women in men's roles may face unsightly hormones — and hair

By JEROME BURNES

LONDON (Otn). — "Are Women Becoming Men?" screamed an alarmist headline in the British popular press last month, and the respectable dailies followed suit in more sombre tone. The story concerned a Cambridge professor, Dr. Ivor Mills, who claimed in an interview that women suffering stress were likely to become hairy and sexually demanding.

Professor Mills said that an increasing number of women in their twenties were appearing at his clinic and at others all over Britain with extensive hair on their breasts and abdomen and with excess facial hair. The case of an alarming sounding teacher called Margaret was quoted: she had developed a high sex drive and had to shave daily.

The cause of this sort of unfortunate development, the professor claimed, was the stress that women are increasingly subjected to both in the home and more particularly in

traditional high-stress occupations such as management. The instrument of this transformation was testosterone, the male hormone which is produced in small amounts in women by the adrenal glands, which are also the ones that become active in times of stress.

The story was a male chauvinist's dream. What more convincing proof was required that women were just not suited to some occupations, that those who transgressed such natural laws were punished by being turned into hairy hydes? Research, however, revealed a more complex picture.

An endocrine researcher at a London teaching hospital said: "I see a lot of hairy women, but when talking about increases there are two points to remember. First, our knowledge of hormones has improved vastly in the past two or three years. Doctors are now referring cases of hirsuteness to us for treatment where they wouldn't have bothered before

because there is now often something that we can do. Secondly, the standard of hairlessness set by the cosmetic industry is abnormally high."

"Many of my cases are women from Mediterranean countries who are naturally more hairy. They don't worry about it at home but here they are made to feel uncomfortable about it."

At the Chelsea Hospital for Women, Dr. Jeffcoat pointed out that being hirsute was stressful in itself making it difficult to say whether women had more testosterone because they were hirsute or vice versa. He went on: "You have to take into account racial differences also. A lot of Mediterranean women have the same testosterone levels as northern ones yet in some way they are more sensitive to it and are far more hairy. On the other hand oriental women don't produce very much hair at all, even with quite high levels of the hormone."

The problems of purchasing property

IN SOME countries it may be easy to buy property. Israel is not one of them. The purchase of an apartment here can be fraught with frustration and risk, whether it be a second-hand one or brand new.

As there can be even more complications involved in buying a second-hand apartment than a new one, let us start off with that.

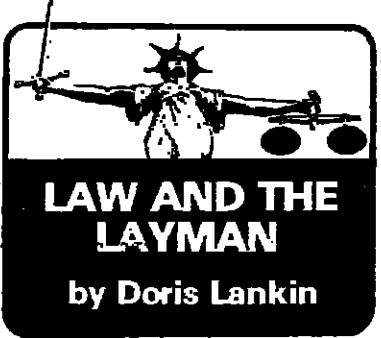
After you have found a flat to your liking, the very first thing to do is to ask the owner for the block and parcel number of the plot on which the building stands. This can be found on the title deed of the apartment, which should be in the possession of the owner.

Once armed with this information, go to the local Land Registry Office commonly known as the 'Laba' and ask for an extract of the relevant registration. The current fee for this is IL16. This extract will reveal clearly whether the apartment is genuinely owned by the would-be seller, whether it is in any way encumbered (by a mortgage, for example, or an attachment order) or whether there are any restrictions against its being sold to a third party.

If the apartment is in a development area or in a new district which has not yet been parcelled and registered, then the correct address for finding out its true ownership is generally the local Lands Administration Office (Minhal M'arkam in Hebrew). It should be remembered that property registered with the Lands Administration cannot, in general, be transferred from one owner to another without the consent of the Administration, obtainable against a fee.

However enamoured of the apartment of your choice you may be, do not on any account make any advance payment on it until you have taken this preliminary, essential step of establishing whether the seller is entitled to sell it to you. Remember that the story about the sale of the Brooklyn Bridge is not purely apocryphal.

Once you are satisfied on this score, then you can start negotiating the contract of purchase. Within seven days of the signing of this contract, notice of the transaction must be given to the Land Betterment Tax authorities. They will then fix the land betterment tax (mas shevach) to be paid, if indeed there be such. (No tax is levied on an apartment which serves the seller as a permanent dwelling). The betterment tax authorities will also fix the registration fee (known nowadays as tosefet mas in Hebrew) which is payable when property changes hands. The



Betterment tax is payable by the seller and the registration fee by the purchaser.

If the extract from the Land Registry (or the registration with the Lands Administration) reveals that there is a mortgage on the apartment, then another preliminary step must be taken before signing any contracts and making any down payments: you must find out which bank holds the mortgage (Tefahot, Mortgage Bank, etc) and then ask the bank if they will approve the sale. They will only do so if the mortgage has been discharged or if they agree to transfer it to you as the potential purchaser of the apartment (which is a rather complicated business).

Before the sale can be completed, certificates must be obtained from the municipal tax authorities and the Government property tax department to the effect that the taxes on the apartment for the whole of the current fiscal year have been paid and that they, therefore, agree to the sale.

In the event of the apartment belonging to a foreign national, approval of the sale must also be obtained from the Controller of Foreign Currency, in the Ministry of Finance.

It is also eminently advisable to check with the Electric Corporation and the municipal water department whether bank payments have not been neglected. Do not accept receipts showing that the latest accounts have been paid as proof positive that there are no outstanding electricity and water debts. Failure to do this can entail the unpleasant prospect of having your electricity or water cut off one fine day, after you have already settled into your new apartment.

In the light of all these potential complications and the endless possibilities of something going wrong, the best advice for anyone contemplating the purchase of an apartment is to engage a lawyer right from the very beginning and save tired feet and a lot of heartache.

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Rocks are the easy part of an Israeli rock garden

IF YOU HAVE decided to try your hand at a rock garden, you will find the rocks easier to come by here than the plants. Israel does not have many of the alpine plants found abroad and not all the seeds offered by foreign seedfirms (even if they can be imported) are suited to our soil and climatic conditions. Even if we add peat, compost, etc to make the soil suitably acid, our high summer temperature is a mortal enemy.

Gentian and edelweiss just die in the summer here and Lily of the valley (convallaria) degenerates after one, or at the most two, growing seasons. Oddly enough, European cyclamen do quite well, continuing to produce fine, and very fragrant pink flowers — in August. It is a pity that seed importers have not done more to bring alpine plants here and give our nurserymen a chance of trying to cultivate them under local conditions.

In the meantime, we must be realistic and use what we can find. There is indeed quite a variety. Here are some of the plants to look for. Achillea (yarrow). A perennial creeper with silvery leaves and white or red daisy-like flowers. The fern-like leaves remain on the ground and the flower stems reach a height of about 20 cm. This is also a medicinal plant and its dried leaves are used as a remedy for gastric troubles. It is propagated by runners.

African daisy (diaphorhiza). An annual which flowers in pastel colours of white, yellow, orange and beige. It grows to 30 cm in height and is propagated by planting.

Aquilegia (columbine). A perennial with nicely shaped leaves (the old ones dark green and the younger ones light green) and beautiful flowers in different colours. Grows well in part shade and blooms from May to June. (Cut off all dry and ugly-looking seed pods and flower stems.) Height 25 cm, propagation by planting.

Campanula (Canterbury bell). These charming dwarf kinds, suitable for rockeries. Some are annuals and some biennials. They like little shade. Their colours are blue, white and pink. Propagation by plants.

Gazania. A creeper which produces a perennial flowering carpet. It makes a dramatic show with white, yellow, orange and purple flowers, opening in bright sunshine only. Height, 10 - 12 cm. Propagation by rooted runners or stem cutting. Geranium (pelargonium — cranesbill). "Mme. Salleron", a dwarf perennial plant with reddish flowers and decorative white and green leaves. Propagation by cuttings.

Gypsophila. The low-growing or trailing kinds are ideal for rock gardens. They are easily grown in well drained soil in a sunny location. They are annuals and flower (dozens of little flowers on a single stem) in white or pink. Propagation by plants.

Lavender cotton (santolina). A fragrant low-growing grey shrub with yellow flowers. Improves with regular shearing. Perennial. Propagation by cuttings.

Lebelia. A low-growing (10 - 12 cm) annual. Small bright blue flowers, long-lived in summertime. Sow



Grasses are highly decorative in rock gardens.

directly in the rockery and thin out later.

Linum (flax). A charming annual of graceful slender growth. Flowers (20 - 25 cm high) in carmine or light blue. Propagation by direct sowing or planting.

Portulaca. An annual with fleshy, succulent leaves and flowers in all colours of the rainbow. It creeps on the soil and quickly forms multicoloured carpets. (5-10 cm high) Propagation by direct sowing or planting.

Ajuga. A low creeping perennial plant with dark green and purple leaves and blue flowers. (10 cm high). Propagation by runner cuttings. Grows well in half-shade.

Silene. One of the most satisfactory rock annuals. Low flowering cushions of red, pink and blue flowers. Propagation by planting. Symphytum. Annual. Forms cushions of white, pink or purple flowers. Very attractive between rocks. Best sown directly into the ground and later thinned out. Height — 10 cm.

Rosemary. The dwarf variety creeps in all directions, covering ground and rocks. Attractive all the year round with bright green narrow leaves and a cluster of lavender blue flowers. A perennial, propagated by cuttings. Is also used as a kitchen herb.

Bulbs. By planting small varieties of bulbs in the autumn you will have colour in your rock garden in spring and early summer. Sow the bulbs in small clumps of five to 10. (Dwarf tulips, grape hyacinths (muscari), anemones, crocus, ranunculus, freesias, cyclamen, ixia, sparaxis, oxalis, dwarf irises (reticulata), etc).

Succulents and cacti. Succulents are very much admired as rockery plants. All low growing kinds of crassula, sempervivum, sedum and mesembryanthemum are suitable. All succulents and cacti are propagated by cuttings.

Grasses. Perennial, ornamental grasses, like pampas grass, are very attractive for rockeries. They are grown from seed and decorate the rockery for a long time. They increase rapidly from self-sown seedlings and have to be thinned out frequently.

The skin of your hands is surely as important to you as mine is to me

Zahava Vardi
Israel's 1977
Beauty Queen

So do as I do: use only Kleen Paste for washing dishes. Only Kleen Paste contains C.M.C. and P.S.D. — double protection for your hands.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

New issues dominate a surging market

Bank Leumi's new issue made a resounding debut yesterday in what could be termed as a surging market. The new Bank Leumi unit was quoted at 370, which in effect created a 6.32 per cent yield. The figure was five points better than our prediction of 365 which appeared in last Thursday's edition. Almost 112,000 of the units changed hands yesterday. Simultaneously the new Mortgage & Development issue came to the market. Much smaller in size than that of Bank Leumi, it was also quoted at a sizeable premium, more than 25 per cent.

With the two new issues now out of the way, vast sums of money were freed, and apparently a goodly part found their way into the equity market. This could be seen from the high turnover of just under 116,000. Commercial banks were firm with small rises. Union Bank was slightly better at 503. Mortgage bank issues set a slithering pace. General Mortgage was 19 better at 471. Carmel at 803.5 was "buyers only". Tefahot preferred jumped by 23 to 806. The common stock of 47.5 to 806. Agricultural Bank was also marked as "buyers only" and its price was set at 263.5. Insurance companies were very strong. Arayim moved ahead by 13 to 922. Haemsh Insurance at 740. Sahar jumped by 60 to 1008. Tzur was the only loser in the group as it eased by 30 to 978.

Israel Electric Corporation reached the 600 mark on a 24 point move. Lighterage was "buyers only" and was fixed at 850. Land development and real estate shares kept pace with the other strong sectors. I.L.D.C.

was 10 better at 359. Soli Boneh reached the 750 mark. Property & Building was 14 ahead at 344. Yisropeh gained 22 to 452. Iragas gained 20 to 464 while Mehadrin gained 52 to 850. I.C.P. was 80 to the good at 576. Neot Aviv gained 19 to 441. Rasoco preferred at 272 reflected a 30 point jump.

Industrials were also a stellar feature. Elco IL2.5 gained 15 to 570. Elron IL2.5 went 19 higher at 978. The Argaman group of shares all traded higher. American-Israeli Paper Mills continued to set a torrid pace. A "buyers only" situation brought the shares to 365. Elite scored a 13 point advance to 465. The company is shortly coming to the market with a new financing issue.

The Frutarom news issue was "buyers only" and marked up to 162.5. Investment companies were also very strong. Bank Leumi Investments scored a rare "buyers only" and was fixed at 378. Amisur was also "buyers only" and set at 590. Jordan Exploration was 70 higher at 1830, and Piron scored a 40 point gain to 890.

Index-linked bonds continued listlessly. The Natad investment dollar continued unchanged at 1141.60 in spite of an offer of more than \$200,000.

Most Active Issues

Issue	70	114,470,400
Leumi (new)	370	114,470,400
Clal Inv.	503	114,470,400
Misrah	221	114,470,400
Shasra	221	114,470,400
Natad	1141.60	114,470,400
Other	221	114,470,400
Turnover	112,000	114,470,400

Issue	70	114,470,400
Soli Boneh 10% pref.	750	750
Property & Building	344	344
Iragas	452	452
Mehadrin	850	850
L.C.P. Citrus	576	576
Neot Aviv	441	441
Frutarom	70	70
Rasoco - 5% pref.	272	272
Rasoco	359	359

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Rocking the DMC boat

THE LEADERSHIP of the Democratic Movement for Change is taking heroic steps to prevent the mutual recriminations that have broken out between Meir Zorea and Meir Amit and Amnon Rubinstein from blowing up into a major split in the party. It is too early yet to tell whether these attempts will succeed.

What is clear, however, is that Mr. Zorea's accusations against the other two members of the DMC's negotiating committee and their rejoinders represent opposing camps that have and are continuing to form in the party.

For some of the DMC's leaders the decision to stay out of the coalition, which they felt constrained to back for appearances sake in last week's council, is nothing short of a tragedy for the party. These members are psychologically attuned to action politics which can only be played out in executive positions in government. Mr. Zorea is far from being alone in holding this view. He has simply been more impetuous than the others who share his position but not his temperament.

On the other side of the argument are arrayed the members who believe that joining Mr. Begin's government on the terms he has offered would be personally repugnant and would prove catastrophic when the DMC faces the voters again.

There was a general expectation among the politically aware public that some sort of intra-mural fight of this sort would eventually break out in the DMC. The surprise is that it erupted in public so soon.

It is also not yet clear whether the adolescent party possesses enough internal cement to keep its disparate founding factions, and some of the personalities who head them, together now that the grey weekdays of party politics have supplanted the heady weekend of the elections.

Certainly the situation that has developed within the DMC is tailor-made for Prime Minister Begin although there is no proof that that master political tactician has indeed engineered it personally. The emergence of the potential split has been hastened by Mr. Begin's playing cat-and-mouse with the inexperienced DMC negotiators.

Does the Prime Minister want the DMC in his Cabinet or does he not? This is one of the questions the DMC leaders are disputing. It would seem most likely that Mr. Begin would like the best of two worlds: obtaining the parliamentary support of as large a part of the DMC faction as possible but at the same time breaking up the party which eventually could become an electoral threat to his own Likud.

READERS' LETTERS

REPORTING THE MACCABIAH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Perhaps I am in the minority with my experience at the 10th Maccabiah Games was for the most part favourable. Being a freelance journalist, I was covering the Maccabiah for the Mutual Broadcasting System, a radio network with more than 500 affiliates in the U.S., and I must disagree with your Sports Reporter, Paul Kohn, on a number of points ("Maccabi beats the press" — July 26).

When asking about sportsmen who were considering or actually made aliyah, I was told that the exact number was unknown; however, I was informed that four unnamed athletes decided to stay in Israel and not return to their country of origin. Their names were not disclosed to me due to possible repercussions against their returning team-mates, but that isn't the issue; the fact that the Maccabiah officials declared their ignorance with complete straight-forward honesty — that is the issue.

I spent one afternoon covering the swimming competition and had no difficulty getting to the poolside; in fact, I conducted several interviews

with gold medal winners from the U.S. while at the pool. The security guards were both polite and very helpful.

An evening was spent at Ramat Gan Stadium, where once again, I had complete access to the various participants, especially the Americans. The same holds true in covering the tennis matches.

In addition to on-the-spot interviews, I was able to secure interviews with various officials at Kfar Hamaccabiah. It is true that a special Maccabiah press pass was required during the games, but, in my judgement, there was sufficient time prior to and during the 10th Maccabiah to acquire such credentials.

In sum, even with certain minor irritations like having the press office in the basement at Beit Sokolov, considering the physical realities of Israel combined with the strict security precautions that are needed for such an event, I think the Maccabiah organization, in general, deserves applause for a job well done.

STEVEN MITCHELL SCHIFFMAN
Jerusalem.

LIBERTY BELL GARDEN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — When the Liberty Bell Garden was dedicated on the eastern part of the Omariya plot in Talbich, it was announced that it would become a children's playground. Mysterious structures which went up since then made the neighbouring residents wonder what was really being planned in addition to the sports field at the far end of the plot and the pergola.

Now, Abraham Rabinovich ("A place for down-to-earth fun" — July 22) informs us about what is in store for us: an action garden with a bandstand, a regular weekly flea market and other fairs, open-air theatre, a discussion corner, etc. These activities are expected to draw crowds of up to 1,000 people. Upon inquiry, we were told by the builders that the whole place would be fitted with loudspeakers.

This is a very nice project, had it been situated in the right place. But in their enthusiasm, the planners have apparently ignored the inevitable results as far as the residents of the neighbourhood are concerned: they will have to live with the noise

of a constant fun fair plus the added noise and pollution of all the vehicles involved, to be followed, at the end of the programmes, by loitering youth, if not worse.

While the project is still in the construction stage, can anything be done to avoid this threat to the quality of life of the residents of Talbich who, incidentally, pay the highest Arnona rates in the city?

ANNA MARIA JOEL
Jerusalem.

BILLBOARD BLIGHT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I add a few words to your excellent leader, "The billboard blight" (July 26). The billboards need not be ugly to be a nuisance; the better, the bigger, the more striking they are, the greater the danger they constitute to drivers by drawing their attention away from the road.

Your readers may be interested to know that, in Los Angeles, the city with the biggest billboards and the biggest number of motor cars, the freeways are completely free of advertising signs.

Y.K. UNGER
Haifa.

From submissive satellite to loyal ally

THE advent of a new government in Israel and renewed evidence of Arab intransigence on the issue of peace in the Middle East provide a good opportunity for Israel to reestablish its special relationship with the U.S. which has been permitted to erode in the past few years, writes Mordecai Abir.

THE EXPERIENCE of the past weeks since Prime Minister Begin's visit to Washington would seem to indicate that the period during which Israel was on the way to becoming a subservient and obedient satellite of the U.S. is over. The role Mr. Begin has preferred in its stead is that of a loyal ally which was expressed in the term "special relationship" used in the past to describe the relations between the two countries.

The return to the earlier type of affinity provides a good opportunity to recapitulate the gradual erosion of the special relationship during the past three and a half years. This was primarily the result of the twin development of an increasing U.S. dependence on Arab oil and a concomitant growth in Israeli dependence on American economic, political and military aid.

It is already common knowledge that the "reassessment" of America's Middle Eastern policy was decided upon at the end of 1974 and not after Israel broke off its negotiations with Dr. Kissinger in March 1975. If at first the Administration was still apprehensive in regard to the reaction of Israel and of American Jewry to its new "even-handed" policy, such fear was rapidly dispelled when the Rabin government, frightened by its own boldness in March, accepted in September the Kissinger formula for a "moderate" approach to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Thereafter, Israel gradually became an American satellite rather than a junior ally. This process was enhanced by the weakness, and lack of credibility and integrity, of the Israeli leadership which was frequently manipulated by the State Department.

Exponents of *realpolitik* in Washington have long supported a Mideast solution based in essence on "moderate" Arab demands far in excess of Security Council resolution 242 and completely disregarding Israel's demand for true peace and secure borders. It was believed that covert pressure balanced by economic and military aid or some form of American guarantees, in carrot and stick fashion, would bring the weak Israeli leadership to accept

such a *Pax Americana*. Israel's foreign policy by this time, it was felt, was *de facto* already dictated by Washington and thus Israel was, by and large, expected to bow to the American demands.

During last year the views of these foreign policy experts and the State Department 'Arabists' were gradually adopted by the Carter Administration. Due to the continuing deterioration of the U.S. energy situation it was generally accepted that U.S. interests, and theoretically those of Israel, necessitated a quick settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict by the restoration of the "occupied territories" and the creation of a Palestinian state.

No longer worried by a confrontation with Israel, Washington was even unwilling to listen to the argument that such a "settlement" could prove detrimental to the very existence of Israel. Some Jewish leaders in the U.S., due to the weakness of Israel's leaders and the repeated scandals surrounding them, also began to question Israel's policy and demanded a right to participate in policy decisions which affected Israel and the Jewish people. This new mood was reflected in the Brookings report and in articles published by scholars-politicians such as Brzezinski and Quandt. George F. Will's article in "Foreign Affairs" of April 1977 "How to save Israel despite itself" only gave cynical expression to what the others were writing and saying more circumlocutively.

The tactless way in which the Carter Administration handled Israel contributed to the electoral "earthquake" here. This attitude of the president's foreign affairs advisers reflected their lack of comprehension of the psychology of the average Israeli and his reaction to pressure which bordered on humiliation. When "Mr. Israel" voted as he did, he declared, inter alia, that if Israel's supreme interests were threatened he was ready to face hardships and sacrifices resulting from a possible confrontation with the American administration.

Despite the somewhat hysterical reaction of the president's political

Dry Bones



of the Likud government may have postponed for a time a new war between Israel and the Arabs.

It is, however, highly questionable whether the Arabs will be able to bring themselves to participate in a Geneva conference in October at all. In addition to basic differences in the Arab camp, the Israeli demands, supported by the U.S., for direct negotiations leading to a meaningful peace may further polarize disagreements between the Arabs. Arab reaction to Mr. Begin's statements and the contradictory reactions to Mr. Vance's proposals during his current visits to Arab capitals already indicate a measure of confusion and controversy in the Arab camp.

Recent developments in Egypt once again exposed Sadat's dependence on the armed forces and on foreign aid, and the grave socio-economic and political problems which his regime faces.

Seemingly powerful and rich, Saudi Arabia is also undergoing rapid socio-economic changes which are profoundly affecting the regime's stability. The expansion of its army and the vast quantities of sophisticated weapons which it has purchased have unsettled the traditional balance within its armed forces. The Saudi government is apprehensive, therefore, lest the new forces and ideas which daily gain strength threaten the future of the archaic regime. The U.S. nevertheless hopes that American arms and experts deployed in key positions can help preserve the present status quo and consequently the Riyadh-Cairo axis.

Syria is undoubtedly a key factor in the future of the Middle East because of its position and military strength. The Americans, therefore, are doing their utmost to improve their relations with Syria at the expense of the Soviets. Though President Assad reiterates that he retains the option of using force to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict, the U.S. chooses to ignore these statements.

It should be obvious that Assad's goal remains "Greater Syria" and that he is only paying lip service to the idea of a Palestinian or a Jordanian-Palestinian entity because such tactics serve his cause. In the meantime Syria continues to consolidate its hold over Lebanon, having been assured, until recently, that Israel would not interfere with the process despite the substantial changes to her detriment in the strategic balance in the region.

Assad is clearly biding his time, it seems, until an opportunity presents itself to annex Jordan. If Syria were thus to have a common border with Saudi Arabia this could spark off a chain reaction in the whole Arabian Peninsula. The only drawback to this plan is the continued existence of a strong Israel which is bound to object to such a development. This and other services rendered to U.S. national security by Israel is what Mr. Begin is alluding to in his speeches in the U.S.

For the first time since the Yom Kippur War there is, thus, a chance to rehabilitate Israel's credibility, image and status in the eyes of the U.S. Indeed, the special relationship with the U.S. will continue to be one of the pillars of Israel's policy since her continued dependence on U.S. economic and military aid cannot be ignored.

Israeli opposition to an Arab-oriented *Pax Americana* dictated by supposed western interests but ignoring Israel's own critical interests should not be interpreted as nullifying intransigence guaranteed to undermine this special relationship.

Israel must make it clear that in striving for a lasting peace in the region it is willing to help promote western interests, above all those relating to the critical energy problem, but not at the cost of its own survival.

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New broom or meddler?

MINISTER OF DEFENCE Ezer Weizman's personal experience as a long-time army man has led to the unprecedented direct intervention of the Minister in

budgetary and disciplinary questions of the army at the operational level. There are some worrisome aspects to this style, writes HIRSH GOODMAN.

THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT'S two dramatic strokes — to call for an early Geneva conference, without preconditions and to cut the Government budget by some IL4 billion including a LL4 billion cut in the defence budget — move put their stamp on the first half of its "first hundred days".

In general that stamp has won popular approval though the Labour Alignment has cautioned that both steps could prove short-sighted. Going to Geneva without an agreed position with the U.S. could lead ultimately to a confrontation with Washington, Labour has warned, and instead of being reduced, the defence budget should be increased.

There is now also enough public evidence to indicate how far in excess of the military establishment who also have reservations about these policies.

The Chief of Staff, Rav Aluf Mordechai Gur, has gone on record with doubts about the defence budget cuts. The decision, taken by Finance Minister Ehrlich, apparently was not preceded by any consultations with the General Staff.

The Defence Minister, Mr. Weizman, agreed to the cuts. He has, in any case, for long believed and said that in his view the army had become flabby and was being allowed to spend too much.

He rejected a recommendation by Mr. Peres, before he relinquished the Defence portfolio, that the current budget be increased by LL4.5 billion. Peres' assessment was based on information provided by the army's budget department, which itself grew out of the General Staff's assessment of army needs.

Mr. Weizman's position, of course, is not an easy one. As a leading member of the new government and as a participant with Mr. Begin and Mr. Dayan in the talks determining Israel's strategic policy, he is intent upon probing and producing new policy options and ideas. Army planners, on the other hand, remain intent on what they consider the unchanging realities of Arab aims and military purposes.

According to this view the danger of renewed war is not only real, but could actually be heightened by the U.S. desire to convene an early Geneva conference. It is held that the positions of Israel and the Arabs are too far apart to enable a Geneva conference to take place, or to end in agreement, if it were to convene. And such a failure, after the trumpeting of high expectations, could only lead to increased military tension.

Mr. Weizman has not put himself into the conventional role of being a spokesman for these sobering views. Nor could he easily find such a role politically comfortable *vis-a-vis* a Prime Minister and a Foreign Minister who are themselves known as tough-minded political and military realists.

Apart from major policy questions, Mr. Weizman has, in general, a more irreverent attitude toward the army than did, say, his predecessor, precisely because he was a part of it for so long.

Thus he sent ripples through the establishment almost from his very first day in office, when he issued a series of orders demanding greater discipline and observance of

rules regarding dress and physical appearance.

He also decided on his own to make some reductions in brass by stipulating, against current practice, that the Army spokesman, Chief of the General Staff, the Research and Development Branch be Colonels and not Brigadiers.

It could perhaps be argued that the Defence Minister has more important concerns than these, which he should leave to the Chief of Staff. Though it should also be said that an irreverent new broom at the top can often be good for any army, and Israel's is no exception.

In Weizman's case the question is whether his own army experience and interest in such details will not enmesh him in concern for the trees rather than the forest.

And the larger question that arises is whether a Defence Minister, who on the one hand involves himself in operational matters, but on the other hand reflects Cabinet and not army thinking on some major issues, may not prove disruptive to the consultative process between the Army and the Government that is a requirement for smooth functioning and wise decisions.

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POSTSCRIPTS

THIRTY psychology students from Tel Aviv University have been doing field-work to supplement their lectures and reading.

Shimon, for example, worked with a kindergarten child who had behavioural problems.

"At first the boy thought I was coming to the kindergarten to play like the other children, though he thought I was a bit big. Then he decided I must be a kind of big brother. But what kind of a brother was I, if I wasn't a karate expert? He knew I wasn't a father substitute because I never had any money to give him. Finally, he made up his mind I was just a friend."

Next year, the students will work

in hospitals acting, according to Prof. Ron Yuval, as "ears and eyes at the patient's bedside, from the maternity wards to cancer patients."

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